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4-H PLEDGE



I Pledge My HEAD to Clearer Thinking



My HEART to Greater Loyalty



My HANDS to Larger Service



And
My HEALTH
to Better
Living
for
My Club
My Community
and
My Country





4-H MEMBERSHIP

There are-

1,700,000 4-H members.

10,000,000 former 4-H members.

1,000,000 former 4-H members now in the armed forces.

THE 4-H CLUB-

Consists of five or more boy or girl members, 10 to 21 years of age, who share responsibilities in the home, on the farm, or in the community.

Develops its own program, including work to be done by each member at home.

Perfects its own organization and elects its own officers.

Is guided by its own local volunteer leader, a resident in the community.

Seeks to serve cooperatively in the community.

Is under the supervision of county extension agents.

THE LOCAL VOLUNTEER LEADER—

May be a 4-H community club leader or a 4-H neighborhood leader.

Helps 4-H members to plan their programs.

Guides members in their project work.

Acts as friend and counselor.

Arranges for regular 4-H Club meetings.

Observes work done at home. Confers with parents.

Encourages members to live up to what is expected of them.

THE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT-

Serves in every agricultural county. The county may have one or more county extension agents—agricultural agent, home demonstration agent, 4-H Club agent, or assistant agent.

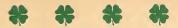
Trains local volunteer leaders.

Helps interested groups of boys and girls to organize as 4-H Clubs.

Helps members and leaders to plan programs and hold meetings. Supervises 4-H work in the home and on the home farm. Supplies subject-matter information and record books.

Is cooperatively employed by the United States Department of Agriculture, the State college of agriculture, and the county governing authorities.

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4-H MEMBERS WORK FOR VICTORY, BUILD FOR PEACE, IN ACHIEVING THEIR NATIONAL WAR GOALS¹

1. They are helping to produce and conserve for the food arsenal.

Victory Garden products										acres— 1,000,000
Poultry products										birds—43,000,000
Livestock										head— 2,700,000
Food crops										acres— 1,300,000
Products canned									. (quarts—74,000,000

2. They are fighting with scrap and war bonds.

Scrap collected										pounds-ov	ver 400,000,000
War bonds or stamps	purchased	or	sold	to	others	3				ove	r \$200,000,000

3. They are guarding their own and their community's health by-

Having periodic health examinations.

Checking and improving their food and health habits.

Preparing meals in keeping with nutritional needs of the family.

Training in first aid and home nursing.

Removing farm and home accident hazards.

Improving home and community health conditions.

4. They are serving for those gone to war and aiding city boys and girls to break into farm work by—

Carrying on, and demonstrating better methods.

Increasing farm fuel supplies.

Participating in fire-prevention activities.

Caring for and repairing farm machinery.

Repairing and remaking clothing.

Canning, drying, and storing needed food supplies.

- 5. They are helping to interpret the Nation's war and peace-building programs to the community.
- 6. They are learning to have a deeper appreciation of the democratic way of life by practicing democracy at home and in their club and community.
- 7. They are discussing at club meetings some of the important social and economic forces now at work and the steps to take in developing the good-neighbor spirit at home and abroad. They are helping to build an enduring peace.

If you are a 4—H Club member, you can take pride in this record and continually strive to Make the Best Better. If you are not a 4—H Club member, why not see your local 4—H leader or your county extension agent and join?

¹ Totals are based on estimates from State club leaders' reports, from the time of Pearl Harbor to 1945, inclusive.







4-H CITIZENSHIP PLEDGE

We, individually and collectively, pledge our efforts from day to day to fight for the ideals of this Nation.

We will never allow tyranny and injustice to become enthroned in this, our country, through indifference to our duties as citizens.

We will strive for intellectual honesty and exercise it through our power of franchise. We will obey the laws of our land and endeavor increasingly to quicken the sense of public duty among our fellow men.

We will strive for individual improvement and for social betterment. We will devote our talents to the enrichment of our homes and our communities in relation to their material, social, and spiritual needs.

We will endeavor to transmit this Nation to posterity not merely as we found it, but freer, happier, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.





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